

REMARKS

Claims 16 and 18-24 are pending for further examination. Claims 18-19 and 23-24 are currently amended. Claim 17 has been canceled.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to for failing to show a pMOS current mirror and an nMOS radiation sensor, resistive element and output load, or an nMOS current mirror and a pMOS radiation sensor, resistive element and output load. Applicant has amended claims 23 and 24 to address those objections. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections.

Claim Rejections

Claims 16-24 were rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,794,630. Applicant respectfully disagrees with those rejections.

The present application, filed July 16, 2003, is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,794,630 (Keshavarzi et al.), which issued September 21, 2004. Accordingly, 35 U.S.C. 121 prohibits the use of the Keshavarzi et al. patent as a reference against the present application (*see* MPEP § 804.01). Therefore, the applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 17-19 and 21-24 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicant has amended independent claim 16 to include the features of claim 17. Therefore, claim 16 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 18-24 depend from claim 16 and should be allowable for at least the same reason as claim 16.

Conclusion

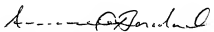
In view of the foregoing, all remaining claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance should be issued.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

No fee is believed due. However, please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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